

Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestions in the Examiner's Interview on September 7, 2005. Applicant's foregoing amendments were in accordance with these suggestions.

All claims require a receiver that is removably attached to the shoe, wherein the receiver is a removably attachable mechanism selected from the group consisting of a button, hook, and combinations thereof.

The Examiner rejected claims 19-22 under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 876,341 to Forstner ("Forstner"). Applicant submits that Forstner does not anticipate all elements of any of Applicant's independent claims, particularly a shoe or a receiver removably attached to the shoe where the receiver is button, hook, and combinations thereof. Moreover, the combination of Forstner with any of the previously cited art also does not arrive at Applicant's claimed combination of a shoe and a receiver removably attached to the shoe where the receiver is a button, hook, and combinations thereof. Hence, all claims should be allowed over all cited art and the rejections should be withdrawn.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits all pending claims should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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